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**The Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, Kentucky.** By Anna Blanche McGill. New York: The Encyclopedia Press, 23 East 41st Street. Pp. 420.

Not many native American Religious communities have yet celebrated their one hundredth anniversary, so that the field of the historian in this department of American Catholic life and work is not an over-crowded one. But even were there more of them, histories written like this one would always be most welcome. Miss McGill has the faculty, which distinguishes the good writer of history, of being able to make her readers live over the scenes she portrays, and one is carried along with the most vivid realization of the life of "backwoods" Kentucky of a century ago and follows with the keenest interest the work of Mother Catherine Spalding and her little band from the time of their foundation under the pioneer Bishop of the pioneer See of Bardstown, "the saintly Flaget," and his able coadjutor, Bishop (or, as he is always affectionately remembered at Nazareth, "Father") David, down through the trials and privations of their early years, the heroism of these Daughters of St. Vincent during the scourges of cholera, smallpox and yellow fever which devastated those regions and wherein many of the Sisters won the crown of martyrdom. One seems to live through the stirring days of the Civil War and watches the Sisters nursing Blue and Gray with equal solicitude, or walks with them in the quiet of their school and orphanage work, which never ceased to expand, even when there seemed but little chance for it to do so.

Equally interesting though less exciting are the later years of steady growth and improvement, down to the great event of the receipt of Papal approbation in 1910 and the celebration of their centennial in 1912. Starting with three young women in 1812, the order now contains about one thousand members; its works are carried on in sixty branch houses, located from Massachusetts to Oregon, from Ohio to Mississippi.

This chronicle of the life and aims of one of our earliest American Sisterhoods is an especially valuable addition to the history of the Catholic Church in this country and contains many useful data on the subject. There is a good index and a capital summary of the Community's works, and other items

of interest. It is a volume to be read by every one interested in the Religious life and would seem especially adapted for use in other Religious congregations as an encouragement in trial, an example for emulation, and for imparting a deeper insight into the real meaning of the motto of the Sisters of Charity, *Caritas Christi urget nos*.

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